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PAY TO DISABLED VETERANS CUT OFF

CLAIM THAT PAYMENTS ARE ILLEGAL IS ANNOUNCED AS REASON

PROTESTS POURING IN FAST

Ex-Service Men Attack Comptroller General's Technical Interpretation of Which Thousands Depend For Allowances

Washington.—Thousands of world war veterans have been cut off from compensation for permanent total disability as a result of a ruling by Comptroller General McCarl, it became known recently.

Mr. McCarl, who recently appointed under the budget law, decided that the war risk bureau's regulation pertaining to total permanent disability in certain cases was not authorized by the war risk insurance law. Payments amounting to several million dollars, if it is understood are illegal, and, under McCarl's ruling, monthly allowances for this class of disability must cease.

The war risk regulation, which McCarl's ruling renders invalid, provides for the payment of permanent total disability compensation under the following conditions:

When the disabled person is on the date of the issuance of this regulation or hereafter shall be either an inmate of a hospital or asylum during a continuous period of six months or more; or on the date of the issuance of this regulation is or hereafter and temporarily disabled for a continuous period of six months or more and be unable to follow continuously any substantially gainful occupation during such six months, in addition at the time of the medical examination hereinafter prescribed shall be found then to be in such physical or mental condition as to require further hospitalization or otherwise unable to follow continuously any substantially gainful occupation.

Protests from ex-service men affected by the order are pouring in upon congress in large numbers. It was conceded generally that McCarl's ruling was technically correct and that legislation would be required to correct the situation.

TO PROBE SALE OF TRUCKS

Material Handed Over to Be Used Only On Highways Sold for Profit

Washington.—Discovery of a great national steal has been made by federal investigators in connection with the millions of dollars worth of surplus war materials which has been turned over gratis to different states for a specified purpose—road building. Presumably those states or some of them, have been selling that material.

Automobiles, Trucks, Tractors, road scrapers, cement mixers, gasoline engines and in fact all equipment necessary for road building, has been handed over to the states by the war department under the authority of congress. Now congress is preparing a complete investigation of the alleged bad faith on the part of the states.

Large demands of some of the states for this road building machinery aroused the federal suspicion. Inquiry was made developing the fact that in some cases the equipment instead of being used on the roads, was being sold at ridiculously low prices. Under the survey being made, disposition of every piece of machinery will be determined.

Senator Wadsworth of New York, and Representative MacGregor of the same state, have both undertaken a collection of the evidence in the matter for petition to congress. Meantime the war department and the department of justice agents are attempting to single out the guilty states and to determine what individuals were responsible for the illegal diversion.

FORCES ARE SURROUNDED

Ship Workers Fight Police; Fifty Injured in Clash; Temple Guarded

Kobe, Japan.—The labor disputes here are again being marked by bloody fighting. Rioting occurred recently in which it is estimated that at least fifty persons were wounded, and a sanguinary clash occurred when disregarding the ban upon any public demonstration, 7,000 ship yard strikers paraded to a local shrine, singing labor songs and shouting condemnation of the action of the authorities during the clash, which was denounced as oppressive.

Gives His Life Fighting Fire

New York.—"I'm going to get Charles Oliver," shouted Joseph A. Flanagan, a fireman who won the distinguished service cross on the Hindenburg line, and plunged into a gas-filled cellar. He lost his life. Oliver was rescued. The fireman's body was found at the foot of the cellar steps. The cellar was only 4 feet deep and he had been compelled to bend almost double to reach his friend. Eight other firemen were overcome by the escaping gas.

MRS. C. M. REMSBERG



A recent portrait of Mrs. Charity Melvina Remsberg of Santa Anna, Cal., sister of President Harding.

ASKS DISCUSSION LIMITATION

JAPAN EXCEPTS INVITATION TO CONFERENCE

The Government Regards Reply as "Highly Satisfactory" and Hopes for Good Results

Washington.—Japan has accepted with innocuous reservations, President Harding's invitation, to attend the Washington conference on disarmament and Far Eastern questions, Secretary of State Hughes announced.

The government is said to regard Japan's final action as "eminently satisfactory" and taken in a "particularly graceful way considering her traditional point of view as regards discussion of matters relating to the Orient.

Japan's acceptance makes the conference certain and the form of the official invitations now is being worked out by the white house and the state department.

Reply is Received

"The Japanese government has taken note of the American memorandum of July 23 received through the American charge d'affaires, in reply to the Japanese memorandum of July 13, on the subject of a conference on the limitation of armaments to be held at Washington.

"It has been brought to the knowledge of the Japanese government that the government of the United States is willing to proceed with exchanges of opinion regarding the agenda prior to the meeting of the conference and that it considers it advisable to adjust in that agenda the nature and scope of the Pacific and Far Eastern questions to be discussed at the proposed conference. The Japanese government, on that understanding, is happy to be able to inform the American government that it is their intention gladly to accept an invitation for a conference which shall embrace the discussion of the Pacific and Far Eastern questions.

FAIR SHIPPING DEAL ASKED

United States Will Demand Equality in Ports of Foreign Nations

Washington.—Aggressive measures have been adopted by the shipping board to insure fair treatment for the American merchant ships in the award of trading privileges in foreign ports.

Although only partially revealed by negotiations now in progress the board's policy is understood to rest on the proposition that other nations must give every proper opportunity to ships flying the stars and stripes or run the risk of encountering the retaliatory measures placed within the prerogative of the board by the new shipping act.

There is every indication as revealed by officials here that the American government will stand squarely behind such a program and every confidence that it will succeed, without serious opposition.

Small Anxious to Face Trial

Chicago.—Len Small, under indictment for embezzlement and conspiracy to defraud, announced he was anxious to stand trial. He said however, that the trial must be held in some other county than Sangamon. He hoped that it could be arranged for Cook County. "I want an immediate trial," the governor said. "I have no fear of the outcome if I have an honest trial. I know I cannot get a fair trial in Sangamon county."

Sixty Persons Die in Wreck

Bombay.—Sixty persons were killed or injured in a train wreck 100 miles from Rangoon. A Rangoon-Mandalay mail train collided with a freight train.

Assistant to Justice Head Quits

Washington.—Mrs. Annette Bott Adams, the first woman to be an assistant attorney general will return to private residence in San Francisco in August. It was said recently. Attorney General Daugherty will appoint a woman to succeed her.



Increase Capital Stock

Almost \$40,000,000 increase in building and loan company capitalization occurred in Oklahoma during the year 1920, according to the fiscal report of the secretary of state submitted to Governor Robertson by C. J. Kendle, assistant secretary of state.

It was pointed out by the assistant secretary of state that the capitalization increases afford a real exposition of the home building movement in Oklahoma. The majority of the companies represented on his record sell their stock or lend money to home owners or prospective ones and the increases point indirectly to the number of new homes being built.

The secretary of state's office is more concerned with the amounts of increases than the total figures of home loan capitalization. The state gets \$1 on every \$1,000 of capital stock increase recorded at the secretary of state's office. Hence his report is made a table giving amounts of increases during the year rather than one showing what capital invested in building and loan stock was and what it is now.

Blind School Bid Accepted

The bid for a new dormitory at the Muskogee school for the blind submitted by the Manhattan Construction company was accepted by the board of affairs, when twelve bids were opened. The low bid was \$44,000. The body will open bids for the ward building to be constructed at the Vinita hospital for the insane. The amount appropriated for the building was \$150,000. A contract will be let for the nurses' home to be constructed at University hospital. The legislature appropriated \$67,000 for this building.

Wilson Ice Price Held Reasonable

Investigation by the corporation commission of the Wilson Ice and Coal company which serves the Hewitt and nearby oil fields and charges \$1 cash and 90 cents by coupon books for 100 pounds of ice resulted in the discovery, according to commission authorities that the price is reasonable. The Wilson company covers a wide territory, the investigation showed and members of the commission decided that considering expenses, the charge, though perhaps as high as any in the state, is justified.

HAPPENINGS FROM OVER THE STATE

A REVIEW OF EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN OKLAHOMA

BANKERS TO GIVE OIL AID

Committee Named to Request Federal Reserve Board to Make Ruling Immediately.

Ponca City, Okla.—Bankers are planning financial aid for the oil producers, according to L. K. Meek, president of the Security State bank of this city who just returned from a bankers' conference of the tenth federal reserve district at Kansas City. A committee was named to memorize the federal reserve board at Kansas City and Washington, to accept paper from producers for rediscount.

Under the present ruling of the reserve board, warehouse inventories and producing leases will not be accepted by the Kansas City reserve bank for rediscount, and member banks therefore cannot offer such producers' paper to that bank for rediscounting. Upon the outcome of the memorial to the head banks depends whether or not the producers will be able to obtain money from the member banks.

"The producers are the only group whose paper is not being accepted," said Meek. "The transporter, carrying oil in his pipelines; the manufacturer with oil in his refineries and the seller with oil in his station, may offer the paper for rediscount. The warehouse inventory of the producer and his producing lease have not been accepted, and therefore a member bank cannot accept much of this paper. Everybody is selling credit but the producer and it was to work out a plan whereby his paper would be eligible that the bankers met at Kansas City.

FRUIT TO SURPASS 1920

Oklahoma Apple Yield Will Be Worth More Than Million

In spite of the heavy frost which is feared spelled ruin to Oklahoma fruit crops, the state will yield a bigger crop of fruit this year than in 1920, according to the statement of J. A. Whitehurst, president of the state board of agriculture.

Except in the extreme northwest and the northern tier of counties apple orchards are proving they will bear better crops if not bigger ones than last year, according to Whitehurst. The president of the board of agriculture declined to make even an unofficial estimate this early in the season, but predicted the apple crop would bring the state more than \$1,000,000.

Whitehurst declared that due to neglect, Oklahoma has not more than half of the apple trees it had in 1920. Efforts are being made by the orchard nursery division of the department of agriculture to boom interest in apples this year. A special department of the state fair will be turned over to them this year for the first time. Whitehurst declared. The agricultural board president's interest in the pressing forward of Oklahoma as an apple state is explained in part by his statement: "Oklahoma has as much good apple land as Arkansas."

Calvin Bridge to be Opened Soon

Calvin, Okla.—When the new bridge being constructed across the South Canadian river here, is completed a vast territory to south in Hughes and Coal counties will be opened. Direct access will be given to larger cities of the north and east part of the state. Practically all the work on the bridge is completed, approaches and road work on each side remaining to be done. The bridge, built of steel has four spans on concrete and stone piers.

Lawton to Get Paint Factory

Lawton, Oklahoma.—Establishment of a paint manufacturing plant, with a capacity of 1,000 gallons daily, was announced here by A. L. Lund, Lawton paint store owner. The factory will occupy the second floor of a by Lund. Machinery for the plant two-story building now being erected is now in transit.

FARM VALUATION IS 17TH

Oklahoma Ranks Second in Area in Which Classified

Washington.—Oklahoma ranks seventeenth in farm property with a total valuation of \$1,880,435,973, according to figures of the 1920 census of the department of commerce. Oklahoma's farm valuation showed a gain of \$742,237,691 over the 1910 census, which reported \$918,198,882.

Total valuation of farm property in the United States is \$77,925,989,073 the census figures showed. The next North Dakota, with a valuation of \$1,759,742,995. Iowa leads the union with a valuation of \$8,525,270,956.

Oklahoma is second in the west south-central district, in which it is classified. Texas leads with a total valuation of \$4,461,597,497. Texas is third in the United States, following Illinois, Arkansas and Louisiana, the other two states in Oklahoma's district, have valuations below a \$1,000,000. Oklahoma's district ranks third on the nine divisions. Kansas has a valuation of \$3,302,806,187.

In value of land only Oklahoma is the fourteenth state with a total valuation of \$1,171,458,741. A gain of \$522,392,073 was shown over the 1910 census which reported a valuation of land of \$649,066,668. Total land valuation of the country is \$54,903,453,925 according to the 1920 census, compared with \$28,475,674,169 of the 1910 census. Texas land valuation is \$3,263,296,630.

PLOWING IS UNDER WAY

Farmers Start Work for Planting Despite Dry Soil

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Kaffir and other semi-arid crops are doing well, even with the lack of rain, but corn and vegetables are suffering, and unless there is rainfall within a few days will prove almost a total loss.

FARMERS STUDY PROBLEMS

Members of Three Organizations to Hear Experts

Okemah.—Problems of farming and livestock raising will be discussed at a gathering of all agricultural and livestock interests of Oklahoma county to be held at the fair grounds August 8. Members of the Livestock Breeders' Association, the Cotton Growers' association and the Farmers' Union will attend.

Prof. R. W. Clark, animal husbandry specialist at Oklahoma A. and M. college will discuss livestock questions. E. F. Markland of the extension department of the college will have charge of the farming discussions.

Coal Miners Fair to Agree

Muskogee, Okla., Representatives of the coal miners and operators of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas, meeting in Kansas City on a new wage agreement failed to agree, according to John Wilkinson, president of the miners of Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas who returned from the conference.

Traffic Drops 40 Percent

Oklahoma City.—Summer travel on passenger trains running into Oklahoma City has been approximately 40 percent less than last summer, it was estimated by railroad passenger officials.

Not only have summer vacationists been practicing economy, but travel between this city and nearby cities and towns has not been so great as other summers. On all lines running into the city, station agents report a reduced revenue.

Cattle Being Brought To State

Ponca City, Okla.—Cattle by the trainload are arriving daily for both the Otoe Indian country and western Osage pastures and will amount eventually in both districts to approximately 15,000 to 16,000 head. All are from Texas and New Mexico.

Asher Bridge Completed

Shawnee, Okla.—Completion of the bridge across the South Canadian river at Asher and its dedication last week, opened a vast territory for traffic hitherto inaccessible. The bridge